1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 TRANSAMERICA LIFE CASE NO. C19-1536JLR-DWC 10 INSURANCE COMPANY, ORDER OF REFERENCE 11 Plaintiff, 12 v. 13 ANGELINA D. SLEE, et al., 14 Defendants. 15 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court 16 hereby refers to Magistrate Judge David W. Christel for preparation of a report and 17 recommendation Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant's Transamerica Life Insurance Company's 18 pending motion for summary judgment. (See MSJ (Dkt. #45).) Federal Rule of Civil 19 Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in this court after Magistrate Judge 20 David W. Christel files a report and recommendation concerning the motion. See Fed. R. 21 Civ. P. 72(b); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c). 22

Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to Magistrate Judge David W. Christel for the specific purposes and motion described herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge David W. Christel to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this order. Dated this 17th day of November, 2020. R. Plut JAMES L. ROBART United States District Judge